

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Casmalia Community Services District,

Complainant,

vs.

Unocal Corporation, also known as Casmite  
Water System,

Defendant.

Case 03-09-001  
(Filed September 2, 2003)

In the Matter of the Application of The Casmite  
Corporation for a Certificate of Public  
Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Public  
Utility Water System Near Casmalia in the  
County of Santa Barbara and to Establish Rates  
for Service.

Application 03-12-024  
(Filed December 22, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
FOLLOWING INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

An informal hearing was held between 11:00 a.m. and noon on Wednesday, October 28, 2004, to allow local public officials, ratepayers, and interested public members to address the Assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and the Commission concerning contested issues in this proceeding. The hearing was conducted using a videoconference system linking a conference room at the Commission, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, California, with a conference room at the Santa Barbara County Betteravia Government Center in

Santa Maria, California. Through the hearing, speakers at one location could be observed at the other location and all participants at both locations could hear one another. The informal hearing was transcribed by a court reporter and a copy of the transcript may be ordered from the Commission's reporting unit.

Lori Anne Dolqueist appeared for the Casmite Corporation. Terri Stricklin and Bill Ostini appeared as officers of the Casmalia Community Services District. The Commission's Water Division previously had notified the ALJ that it would not appear.

The following persons addressed the Commission: Hon. Jodi Gray, Santa Barbara County Supervisor (4<sup>th</sup> Dist.), Bill Ostini, and Lori Anne Dolqueist.

At the conclusion of these presentations, the informal hearing was adjourned. Closing briefs are due on Friday, October 29, 2004, and which time this proceeding will be submitted.

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated October 29, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOHN E. THORSON  
John E. Thorson  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day, and by electronic mail to the parties who have provided an electronic mail address, served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Following Informal Public Comment Hearing on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 29, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

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**N O T I C E**

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